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REASONS,

Humbly offer'd to the

Honourable Houſe of COMMONS,

AGAINST

Laying a Duty on *Gold* and *Silver Wyer*.

THE propoſed Duty of Six-pence *per* Ounce, on Silver-Wyer, and Eight-pence *per* Ounce on Gold, will not raiſe Four Thouſand Pounds *per annum*, there not being above Twelve Thouſand Pound Weight expended; but it will be Three-pence *per* Ounce more to the Manufacturer, there being great Loſs in working, to make it fit for Lace, *&c.*

THERE are Twenty Thouſand Perſons at leaſt, employed herein, *viz.* Wyer-Drawers, Flatters, Spinners, Twiſters, Gold and Silver Lace Weavers, Broad-Weavers, *&c.*

GREAT Quantitys of Gold and Silver Lace and Thread are ſent abroad, the value of Workmanſhip thereof exceeding the Amount of the Duty propoſed; and three times the value of Gold and Silver exported is return'd in Gold-Duſt, Barr-Gold, Pieces of Eight and Cruſadoes.

THERE is Twenty Thouſand Pound Weight of raw *Turkey* Silk uſed herein, which pays Eighteen-pence *per* Pound Cuſtom upon this Commodity; there is a great Deduction to be made for Waſt at the Windſters, Throwſters, and afterwards a Fourth Part boyled off in dying, which makes the Computations agree.

IF this Duty be laid, it will deſtroy in great Meaſure the Trade; and advantage our Neighbours therewith.

N. B. *There is ſo much Difficulty in the Proceſs of working, that one Third of the twelve Thouſand Pound Weight above mentioned, is returned back to the Refiner, to be melted without being ſpun upon Silk for Thread or Lace.*

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